Supplementary Materials for

Mineral vesicles and chemical gardens from carbonate-rich alkaline brines of Lake Magadi, Kenya

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Figure S1: Powder X-ray diffraction of mineral gardens synthesized by immersing CaCl₂·2H₂O pellets in Lake Magadi water



Figure S2: Powder X-ray diffraction of mineral gardens produced by immersing CoCl₂·6H₂O pellet in Magadi water



Figure S3: Raman spectra of mineral vesicles synthesized by adding drops of saturated CaCl₂·2H₂O solution onto Lake Magadi water (153, 280, 712, and 1085.3 cm⁻¹ are translational, librational, in-plane bending and symmetric stretching modes respectively)



Figure S4: EDX mapping of membrane cross-section of vesicles synthesized by adding saturated CaCl₂·2H₂O solution onto Lake Magadi water



Figure S5: EDX analysis of membrane cross-section of vesicles synthesized by adding saturated CaCl₂·2H₂O solution onto Lake Magadi water



Figure S6: EDX analysis of calcium mineral membrane cross-section containing gaylussite



Figure S7: EDX analysis of membrane cross-section of vesicles synthesized by adding saturated BaCl₂·2H₂O solution onto Lake Magadi water



Figure S8: EDX mapping of membrane cross-section of vesicles synthesized by adding saturated BaCl₂·2H₂O solution onto Lake Magadi water



Figure S9: EDX analysis of the cross-section of mineral vesicles synthesized by adding saturated MnCl₂·4H₂O solution onto Magadi water



Figure S10: EDX analysis of the interior surface of mineral vesicles synthesized by adding saturated MnCl₂·4H₂O solution onto Magadi water



Figure S11: Powder X-ray diffraction of mineral vesicles synthesized by adding saturated Co(NO₃)₂·6H₂O solution onto Lake Magadi water



Figure S12: Powder X-ray diffraction of mineral vesicles synthesized by adding saturated MgSO₄ solution onto Lake Magadi water



Figure S13: Powder X-ray diffraction of mineral vesicles synthesized by adding saturated ZnSO₄·7H₂O solution onto Lake Magadi water